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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" May be, but only in the case of permanent Government servants special pay has been sanctioned."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the permanent posts held by the commissioners of Parlakimedi and Narasaraopet whose permanent pay prior to their appointment as commissioners is stated to be Rs. 65 and Rs. 88 respectively? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" They were employed under district boards. I cannot give any further details without reference to records."

Appointment of commissioners to municipalities.

* 381 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how many municipalities commissioners have so far been appointed since the question on the subject was answered last; and

(*b*) with reference to answer given to clause (*b*) of question No. 771, how many municipalities in the list have so far been notified?

A.—(*a*) Commissioners to eight municipalities were appointed subsequent to question No. 808 answered on the 11th March 1935.

(*b*) Ten.

Levy of a high rate of licensing fees by the Anantapur District Board on motor vehicles plying for hire.

* 382 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Anantapur District Board is still charging the old high rates of licensing fees for motor vehicles plying for hire, even after Madras Act XXV of 1933 was passed; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—The Government understand that the Anantapur District Board has recently adopted regulations fixing the rates of licence fees in accordance with sub-section (3) of section 166 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

Central Record Office

Special qualifications of the Curator of the Madras Record Office.

* 383 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state what the special qualifications are of the Curators of the Madras Record Office?

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A.—*Curator.*—A first-class or second-class degree of B.A. (Hons.) or M.A. of the University of Madras in History, Economics and Politics with one or more periods of Indian History as special subject; or a degree of any other University which is considered by the Madras Services Commission to be equivalent to B.A. (Hons.) or M.A. degree of the Madras University. Candidates who have specialized in the History of British India and the Madras Presidency are given preference. After appointment, the selected candidate is required to undergo for a period not exceeding six months in England a special study of the technique of the preservation of records.

Assistant Curator.—Administrative experience and ability to control a large staff.

Irrigation

Settlement of the question of the extent of the basin of the Palar in Chittoor district.

* 384 *Q.*—MR. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government settled the question as to what forms the basin of the Palar;

(*b*) whether representatives of the Chittoor district were consulted before the Government fixed the basin of the Palar in Chittoor district;

(*c*) how far the tributaries of the Palar in Chittoor district are away from the main river;

(*d*) when the Government arrived at the conclusion that penal assessment should be levied in Chittoor and Palmaner taluks;

(*e*) how much of the penal assessment has been collected fasliwar;

(*f*) the sources from which the water was used for which the penal assessment was levied; and

(*g*) how many persons applied for remission in Chittoor taluk and how many were granted and how many were refused?

A.—(*a*) Questions such as the one referred to by the hon. Member are not settled by the Government. The basin of a river covers the area bounded by the watershed separating the catchment of that river from the catchment of adjacent rivers and is the result of natural geological forces. If any area is found to drain into a river or any of its tributaries it is said to lie within that basin and the survey of the basin is made on that basis. Thus the Palar basin (above the Palar anicut) comprises portions of Mysore and of the Palmaner,